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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Coast Guard

33 CFR Part 117

[Docket No. USCG-2013-0852]

Drawbridge Operation Regulation; Back Bay of Biloxi,
between Biloxi and D'Iberville, MS

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DHS.

ACTION: Notice of deviation from drawbridge regulation.

SUMMARY: The Coast Guard has issued a temporary deviation from the operating schedule that governs the I-110 Bridge across the Back Bay of Biloxi, mile 3.0, between Biloxi and D'Iberville, Harrison County, Mississippi. The deviation is necessary to continue the rehabilitation and maintenance of the bascule span of the bridge. This deviation allows the bridge to remain closed to vessel traffic unless 24 hours notice is given.

DATES: This deviation is effective from November 1, 2013 through April 29, 2014.

ADDRESSES: The docket for this deviation, [USCG-2013-0852] is available at <http://www.regulations.gov>. Type the docket number in the "SEARCH" box and click "SEARCH."

Click on Open Docket Folder on the line associated with this deviation. You may also visit the Docket Management Facility in Room W12-140 on the ground floor of the Department of Transportation West Building, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: If you have questions on this temporary deviation, call or e-mail Mr. Jim Wetherington, Coast Guard; telephone 504-671-2128, e-mail james.r.wetherington@uscg.mil. If you have questions on viewing the docket, call Barbara Hairston, Program Manager, Docket Operations, telephone 202-366-9826.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Mississippi Department of Transportation (MDOT), the bridge owner, requested a 24 hour notice be given to open the I-110 Bridge over the Back Bay of Biloxi, Mile 3.0, between Biloxi and D'Iberville, Harrison County, MS. The bridge has a horizontal clearance of 132 feet and a vertical clearance of 60 feet, above Mean Sea Level, in the closed-to-navigation position and an unlimited vertical clearance in the open-to-navigation position.

The bridge opens per 33 CFR 117.675(a). This regulation states that the I-110 Bridge opens on signal if at least 6-hours notice is given. The deviation will require a 24 hour notice to operate the bridge from November 1, 2013 through April 29, 2014. This schedule will allow the safe and continued rehabilitation and maintenance of the bridge.

This waterway is used by both commercial and recreational vessel traffic. No previous coordination was made with the waterway users though the closure dates were chosen to minimize the impact to these users.

Vessels able to pass through the bridge in the closed positions may do so at anytime. The bridge will not be able to open for emergencies and there is no immediate alternate route for vessels to pass. The Coast Guard will also inform the users of the waterways through our Local and Broadcast Notices to Mariners of the change in operating schedule for the bridge so that vessels can arrange their transits to minimize any impact caused by the temporary deviation.

In accordance with 33 CFR 117.35(e), the drawbridge must return to its regular operating schedule immediately at the

end of the effective period of this temporary deviation.
This deviation from the operating regulations is authorized
under 33 CFR 117.35.

Dated: September 30, 2013.

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Bridge Administrator.

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